



Ceremonies Commemorating September 11th

The following list contains events the Governor's Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance ("ORVA") knows of and is not intended to be all inclusive. As we become aware of ceremonies around the state, ORVA will continue to compile a list. If you would like information about events in your area, please call us at 609-777-1248.

New Jersey Events:

- ❖ Governor James E. McGreevey will host a Candlelight Ceremony at Liberty State Park at on Tuesday evening, September 10. An additional mailing will be sent to you with details.
- ❖ The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform Verdi's Requiem at 7:00 p.m. at Liberty State Park on September 11. Ticket information and details will also be sent to you in an additional mailing.
- ❖ A free concert featuring St. Peter's Orchestra of the Sea and conducted by the Rev. Alphonse Stephenson will be sponsored by the Trenton War Memorial at 5:00 p.m. September 11th at Memorial Drive in Trenton. For tickets, call the Gift of New York at 800-528-1499 or visit the website, www.thegiftofnewyork.org.
- ❖ Bergen County will dedicate a monument inscribed with the names of its residents who were victims at 10:00 a.m., September 14 at Bergen County Park, Fort Lee Road, Leonia.
- ❖ Monmouth County Board of Freeholders will hold a Remembrance Ceremony at 7:30 p.m., September 4, 2002 at Brookdale Community College Gymnasium, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft.
- ❖ Manasquan will dedicate a monument to honor Manasquan firefighters and pay tribute to those who died in the terrorist attacks at 9:30 a.m. September 11 in Squan Plaza in front of the Post Office and Fire Department.
- ❖ Red Bank will hold a service on September 22 at Riverside Gardens Park.
- ❖ Rumson will hold an evening of remembrance on September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Victory Park at the site of the commemorative tree planted last year in memory of the victims. For information, call 732-345-5528.

New York City Events:

- ❖ **Ground Zero:** A moment of silence will be observed at 8:46 a.m., September 11. This will begin a ceremony that follows a bagpipe procession to Ground Zero from each of the city's five boroughs. Following the moment of silence, Governor George Pataki will read the Gettysburg Address and Governor James E. McGreevey will read an excerpt from the Declaration of Independence. Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and family members and colleagues of the victims will then read the names of each of the 2,823 people killed. Victims' families will be invited to descend the ramp seven stories to the footprint of the twin towers where each family will pick up a rose and place it in a vase for an arrangement that will be preserved for a permanent memorial. The ceremony will conclude with a second moment of silence just before 10:30 a.m., the time that the north tower collapsed. President Bush will light an eternal flame in Battery Park during a sunset service. Candlelight concerts are planned in parks in each of the city's five boroughs.

Other Commemoratives:

- ❖ The Tower of Remembrance, Saint Joseph's Shrine, Stirling, NJ: The Tower, which is built from steel from the World Trade Center, is 36 feet high. It was dedicated, along with a memorial garden, on July 13, 2002. The web site www.stshrine.org includes information and pictures.
- ❖ The Bishop of Paterson will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, September 15th at 2pm in the Holy Family Chapel, Sisters of Charity, Convent Station, Morristown. This is a mass for families and survivors. No press will be allowed. A reception will follow at the Academy of St Elizabeth. Please contact Diane Silbernagel at 973-754-3751 or Kevin Duffy at 973-754-3754 if you would like to attend.

Travel to Ceremonies Commemorating September 11th

The American Red Cross Travel Assistance Program will assist families with financial need related to their anniversary travel arrangements. The Red Cross has sent letters and made phone calls to many families who have lost loved ones or were seriously injured to advise them that money is available to help pay for travel to the commemorative events in New York, Washington, D.C., Shanksville, PA, Boston, MA, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, CA. Assistance for up to four travelers will be provided to help cover expenses, within established guidelines, for round trip transportation, lodging, and meals. The Red Cross will also help make travel arrangements upon request, or families can make their own arrangements and receive reimbursement. If you have not received a letter and would like to take advantage of this, please call your Red Cross Family Support Specialist or the Travel Assistance Call Center at 877-746-4987, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12:00 noon 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Listening to New Jersey: Planning for Redevelopment of Lower Manhattan

Governor James E. McGreevey will host a forum on August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rutgers Busch Campus Student Center, 604 Bartholomew Road, Piscataway, to receive comments from Families of victims regarding the six redevelopment plans released by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. The plans will be available for inspection at the Student Center and a presentation will be made by architects and members of the Lower Manhattan Development Commission. An invitation along with directions to the Student Center has been sent.

Financial Seminar

Merrill Lynch will hold a financial planning seminar from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. September 19 at Headquarters Plaza Hotel, 3 Headquarters Plaza, Morristown. To register, please call New Jersey Family Advocate Management, Inc. at 732-869-2255.

Info Hotline: 877-688-5268 • www.nj.gov

Providing Help for September 11 Victims and Their Families

Gift of New York and New Jersey

The Gift of New York is a non-profit initiative that provides the families of those who died in the September 11th terrorist attacks with access, at no cost, to the full range of the New York area's theatrical, artistic, cultural, sports and live entertainment venues from the 2001 Holiday Season through the Spring of 2003.

In July 2002, New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey joined forces with the New York effort and created *The Gift of New York and New Jersey!* was formed in a collaborative effort to provide a respite for the families and survivors by providing free access to the many New Jersey's arts, cultural and sporting events. Through the Governor's Office of Volunteerism's campaign, many of New Jersey's state agencies, counties and municipalities are participating in *The Gift of New York and New Jersey!* and the list continues to grow.

You are invited to participate, donate, or volunteer in these endeavors. For more information, please contact Sarah Thoma (609) 341-2740 of the Governor's Office of Volunteerism or visit www.thegiftofnewyork.org.

Camp Comfort Zone

On October 25th to 27th, a weekend camp for children ages 7 to 17 who have lost a parent, sibling or primary care giver, will be held by Comfort Zone Camp, Inc. at Camp Mason in Blairstown, N.J. Comfort Zone Camp is a Virginia based, non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation which incorporates bereavement counseling along with traditional camp activities. It began as a group of concerned individuals associated with hospice, bereavement and counseling agencies. The camp is free. Each child will be paired with a volunteer adult mentor. Special arts and crafts projects and small groups called "healing circles" will be offered to help children understand that they are not alone in their grief. To register, call the camp toll-free at 866-488-5679 or download registration forms and information from www.comfortzonecamp.org.

Federal Emergency Management Mortgage and Rental Assistance

FEMA has expanded its Mortgage and Rental Assistance (MRA) program. Under the expanded guidelines, residents who worked or lived anywhere in the borough of Manhattan and suffered financially because of the September 11th attacks may be eligible. Additionally, people whose employer or business are not located in Manhattan, but had economically dependent business relationships with firms in Manhattan, and consequently suffered financially, may be eligible. In addition,

people who live in Manhattan who lost their jobs or significant income because of the attacks' disruption to their commute in or out of Manhattan may qualify.

The deadline for filing an application has been extended to January 31, 2003. Even though the guidelines have been expanded, certain criteria is required:

- ◆ at least a 25 percent loss of income due to the attacks;
- ◆ a late payment notice for rent or mortgage.

To register, call 800-462-9029 (TTY: 800-462-7585).

An application will then be sent to you. For assistance with the application, call 800-525-0321 (TTY: 800-462-7585) or visit FEMA's Service Center at 141 Worth Street (corner of Center) in New York.

To view a list of frequently asked questions regarding the MRA program, visit www.fema.gov/diz01/d1391.shtm

For applicants found ineligible under the new expanded guidelines, FEMA is providing a detailed referral sheet with contact information on charitable organizations that may be able to offer other types of assistance.

The Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network

President Bush signed the USA Act to create the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network to engage and mobilize millions of volunteers to honor the victims of September 11th by responding to the attacks in a positive way and rebuilding communities through their volunteer service.

The Points of Light Foundation has gathered a national network of nearly 500 Volunteer Centers to oversee the initiative in partnership with other lead agencies like the Corporation for National and Community Service, among others. The Foundation's website at www.pointsoflight.org enables visitors to search biographical data on those lost on September 11th (provided by families), explore volunteer project ideas, and register their volunteer projects for consideration as official USA Act projects. The Foundation must approve projects before a USA Act designation can be assigned. The website also contains a scrapbook, including project photos and highlights. To register a volunteer project, apply by September 11, 2002 and plan to have it completed by December 231, 2002.

Music Festival to Benefit Families

An outdoor Music Festival to benefit families of the September 11th attacks will be held September 27-29 at the Moonlight Cabaret Restaurant, 5801 White Horse Pike, Mullica, N.J. For more information call, 609-804-8909.

Preview Smithsonian's Commemorative Exhibit September 8th

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will open an exhibition dedicated to the victims, survivors and rescue workers of September 11. The exhibition, entitled "September 11: Bearing Witness to History" will bring together objects, images, and personal memories that help tell the story of this momentous day and its impact. At a time of worldwide commemoration, the Smithsonian hopes this exhibition will provide a place for the American people to come together to remember and reflect. It will also offer individuals the opportunity to tell their own stories, to bear witness to history in their own words.

The Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents is inviting victims, survivors and rescue workers to attend a special, private preview of the exhibition at the National Museum of American History on Sunday, September 8, 2002 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available throughout the day with formal welcome remarks scheduled at 1:30 p.m. No media will be allowed access.

Should you and your family be able to attend the preview, please respond by e-mail (acceptances only please) to: september11@si.edu. If you have any questions, you may contact Arlene Fenlon in the Museum's Office of Special Events at (202) 357-3306.

Complimentary bus service from New Jersey may be available. If you would like to attend but lack transportation, please contact NJFAM at 732-869-2255 to learn whether transportation has been donated.

"September 11: Bearing Witness to History" opens to the general public on September 11, 2002 and closes on January 11, 2003. The companion Web site will be available beginning September 11 at: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/september11>. The Museum will also open one hour early, at 9 a.m., during September 16-20 and September 23-27 to accommodate those who cannot attend on September 8.

The National Museum of American History is located on Constitution Avenue, between 12th and 14th Streets in Washington, D.C. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily except Dec. 25 when the museum is closed. Public parking facilities in the neighborhood are very limited. The nearest metro stations are Federal Triangle or Smithsonian, both located on the Blue/Orange line. For this event, the Museum will be using its Madison Avenue entrance (these doors face the National Mall) which is approximately one block from the Smithsonian metro stop.

Family Assistance Update

Published by NJ Department of Law & Public Safety. For copies, call 609-292-4791.

Info Hotline: 877-688-5268 • www.nj.gov

Providing Help for September 11 Victims and Their Families